

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 4, 2003. Claims 45-47, 49-53, 55-59, and 75 are pending in this application. Claims 62-74 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claim 59 is has been amended. In addition, new Claim 75 has been added, and depends from Claim 59. Claim 75 is supported in the specification, for example, at least on page 12, lines 13-19. No new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Independent Claim 59 has been amended to define still more clearly the claimed subject matter and to remove redundant language therefrom and is believed to recite patentable subject matter in its amended form.

Added Claim 75 depends from Claim 59 and also is believed allowable at least for the reason that it depends from a patentable base claim.

Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment that Claims 45-47, 49-53, and 55-59 are allowed.

Claims 69 and 71-74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,032,313 (Tokuhara) in view of an article in *Inorganic Materials*, 1992, vol. 28, no. 3 (Cheredov) and U.S. Patent No. 4,818,282 (Wanetzky).

In addition, Claim 70 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, the rejections are each rendered moot by the cancellation of Claims 69 and 70-74.

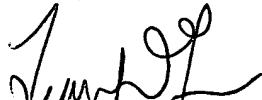
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and the allowance of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for the present Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this

Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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